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HONORABLE JO LYNN GENTRY

CLERK OF THE COURT
B. Randhawa
Deputy

STEVEN L DAURIO PHILIP A SEPLOW

v.

AMY JO GARNER, et al. STEPHEN C RICH

#### **JURY TRIAL SET**

East Court Building – Courtroom 414

8:46 a.m. This is the time set for Telephonic Status Conference. Plaintiff, Steven L. Daurio, is not present but is represented by counsel, Philip A. Seplow. Defendants, Amy Jo Garner and Shawn Garner, are present and represented by counsel, Stephen C. Rich. All parties appear telephonically.

A record of the proceedings is made digitally in lieu of a court reporter.

Discussion is held regarding the status of this case. Respective counsel confirm with the Court that settlement was not reached during the requested stay of these proceedings.

Further discussion is held regarding allegations being made by Plaintiff in a Family Court case.

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**THE COURT FINDS** that the Family Court case is not relevant to the allegations being made in this case, and this matter does not need to be further stayed pending the outcome of the Family Court proceedings.

Therefore, the Court advises that it will proceed with the setting of a trial date.

Accordingly,

#### **IT IS ORDERED** as follows:

- 1. Setting a Trial Management Conference on **June 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** (time allotted: 30 minutes. All parties must appear in person and cannot appear telephonically.
- 2. Setting Trial to a Jury on July 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. (time allotted: four (4) days). PLEASE NOTE: Trial will not proceed on Fridays as Fridays are dark days for this division.

**NOTE:** The Trial Management Conference and Trial to a Jury shall be heard before:

HONORABLE JUDGE ROSA MROZ MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT EAST COURT BUILDING 101 W. JEFFERSON 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, COURTROOM 414 PHOENIX, AZ 85003 602-372-3084

#### **Duties Prior to Trial**

- 3. <u>Dispositive Motions:</u> All dispositive motions, including Rule 56 motions, shall be filed no later than **April 11, 2017**.
- 4. Motions in Limine: All Motions in Limine shall be filed no later than **May 29, 2017**, and such motions must meet the test of *State v. Superior Court*, 108 Ariz. 396, 397; 499 P.2d 152 (1972): The primary purpose of a Motion in Limine is to avoid disclosing to the jury prejudicial matters which may compel a mistrial. See also, Ariz. R. Evid. 103(c). A written response to a Motion in Limine may be filed no later than ten (10) calendar days thereafter. The Court may rule on Motions in Limine without oral

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argument. No replies shall be filed. The parties must comply with Rule 7.2(a) Ariz.R.Civ.P., prior to filing any Motion in Limine.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This division requires that all motions, responses, replies and other Court requested filings in this case must be submitted individually. Counsel shall not combine any motion with a responsive pleading. All motions are to be filed separately and designated as such. No pleadings will be accepted if filed in combination with another.

- 5. <u>Joint Pretrial Statement</u>: Counsel shall file, no later than **June 12, 2017** a Joint Pretrial Statement signed by all counsel. In addition to the information required by Rule 16, the Joint Pretrial Statement shall include.
  - A Final Trial Witness List. This list shall contain the name of each witness a party <u>actually intends to call</u> at Trial, the day on which they intend to call each witness and the **estimated time needed for direct, cross and re-direct examination**. (see Witness Information Form attached)
  - An agreed upon number of jurors to be seated as the final panel including any alternates, whether or not the alternates will deliberate, and an agreed upon verdict ratio in accordance with the number of jurors deliberating.
  - ➤ Whether or not the Rule of Exclusion of Witnesses is being invoked.
- 6. <u>Jury Instructions and Voir Dire Questions:</u> Counsel shall meet and agree on as many proposed jury instructions as possible. Counsel shall file with their Joint Pretrial Statement (the Judge would appreciate counsel providing a copy of the jury instruction requests on CD, in Microsoft Word):
  - a) Proposed voir dire questions.
  - b) A joint set of agreed-upon preliminary and final jury instructions and proposed forms of verdicts.
  - c) Separate sets of requested instructions that have not been agreed upon. Please read *Rosen v. Knaub*, 175 Ariz. 329; 85 P.2d 381 (1993) and the RAJI Civil 3d Statement of Purpose and Approach before preparing requests for non-RAJI instructions.

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Recommended Arizona Jury Instructions (RAJI) need not be typed and may be requested in the following manner: RAJI 3d Standard 1 - Duty of Jurors. Non-RAJI instructions should be typed. Each instruction should cover only one subject.

## **Duties at Trial Management Conference**

- 7. Counsel shall be prepared to argue Motions in Limine if the Court deems necessary.
- 8. Counsel shall be prepared to discuss:
  - a) Time limits in voir dire, opening statements, examination of witnesses and closing arguments.
  - b) Preliminary jury instructions, mini opening statements and voir dire.
  - c) Agreed-upon deposition summaries and excerpts from deposition transcripts and the editing of any videotaped depositions.
  - d) Any special scheduling or equipment issues.
- 9. All parties *must* contact the Clerk of this division at **602-506-8806**, no later than **June 19, 2017**, regarding the proper procedures for submitting exhibits to be marked for trial in this division.

No later than June 26, 2017, all parties shall deliver their exhibits. The parties are directed to meet in person to exchange the exhibits before coming to court. The parties will make sure that they do not bring to the clerk a set of exhibits that include duplicate exhibits. The parties should not reserve exhibit numbers for all Defendants' exhibits, all Plaintiffs' exhibits, miscellaneous demonstrative exhibits, and the like. The parties shall also present original depositions for filing at that time.

Exhibits are marked in numerical order per party, making it necessary to mark all of one party's exhibits before marking the other party's. Accordingly, the Defendant's exhibits numbering shall start at the next number following the last of Plaintiff's exhibits. (For example, Plaintiff submits 82 exhibits, which are marked Exhibit 1 through 82. Defendant submits 63 exhibits, which are marked 83 through 145). Please do not combine the parties' exhibits. Each side's exhibits must be submitted separately and in numerical order.

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NOTE: All typewritten exhibits being received in evidence should be legible and in at least an 8 point font.

With regard to trial exhibits, the parties are <u>strongly discouraged</u> from marking exhibits they do not anticipate offering during trial. The parties shall include a section in the Joint Pretrial Statement regarding exhibits that *may* be used during trial (and need not be initially marked), separate and apart from those exhibits the parties know will be offered and should be initially marked as trial exhibits in this case.

- 10. The parties are reminded to promptly notify the Court of any settlement pursuant to Ariz. R. Civ. P. 5.3(d). One day's jury fees will be assessed unless the Court is notified of settlement before 2:00 p.m. on the judicial day before the trial.
- 11. The dates set forth in this Order are FIRM dates and will not be extended or modified by this Court absent good cause. Lack of preparation will not ordinarily be considered good cause.

A trial date now having been set, the parties may, without leave of the Court, modify the deadlines previously set in the previously filed Scheduling Order using the trial date as a guideline for the new dates. Should the parties reach an impasse in their discussions to modify the deadlines, they may contact the Court for the setting of a telephonic status conference.

**NOTE**: All court proceedings are recorded by audio and video method and not by a court reporter. Pursuant to Local Rule 2.22, if a party desires a court reporter for any proceeding in which a court reporter is not mandated by Arizona Supreme Court Rule 30, the party must submit a written request to the assigned judicial officer at least ten (10) judicial days in advance of the hearing, and must pay the authorized fee to the Clerk of the Court at least two (2) judicial days before the proceeding. The fee is \$140 for up to three hours and \$280 for any hearing in excess of three hours. This fee does not include preparation of transcripts.

Should you want an unofficial copy of the proceedings, the parties or counsel may request a CD of the proceedings for a \$30.00 charge. If a CD is requested, please obtain a form from the Self Service Center to request a daily copy of a court hearing or trial proceeding being conducted. Pay the applicable fee at the Self Service Center. Attach the receipt showing payment of the fee and present both the receipt and the form to the bailiff. For copies of hearings or trial proceedings recorded previously, please call Electronic Records Services at 602-506-7100.

8:55 a.m. Matter concludes.

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#### WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

# WITNESSES FOR PLAINTIFF(S)

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**OPENING STATEMENT** 

**CLOSING ARGUMENT** 

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TOTAL WITNESS TIME ESTIMATE:						
TIME ESTIMATE FOR: PLAINTIFF(S) DEFENDANT(S)						

2<sup>nd</sup>: